



**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Project**  
The Rhode Island Department of Education / The Education Alliance at Brown University

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TO: Rhode Island Superintendents and High School Principals

FROM: Peter McWalters, Commissioner

DATE: May 27, 2004

RE: Gates Network Kickoff Registration

The Rhode Island Department of Education and The Education Alliance at Brown University have secured limited, one-year funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support Rhode Island's implementation of graduation by proficiency, as required by the recent regulations issued by the Board of Regents.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Project has compiled working teams that will be spending the year developing sets of guidance materials for use by schools as they create local assessment systems for Exhibitions, Common Tasks, and Portfolios.

We are inviting teams from every high school to the **Gates Project Network Kick-off** on June 30 from 8:00 - 2:30 pm at the Radisson Airport Hotel. Please come and learn more about graduation by proficiency through exhibitions, common tasks, and portfolios. Below please find a "Save the Date" announcement and a registration form for your school representatives.

Please RSVP by June 11 with your registration information on the enclosed form, which can be faxed to 222- 2537. For more information, please call Andrea Castañeda at 222-4600, ext 2184 or at ride1510@ride.ri.net.

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Attachment

SAVE THE DATE

**June 30, 2004**

*8:00 am—2:30 pm*

Please join educators from Rhode Island high schools, The Education Alliance at Brown University and the Rhode Island Department of Education at the Airport Radisson in Warwick for

**The Gates Network Kick-off.**

- Learn about how the Gates Project will support high schools as they implement proficiency-based graduation requirements
- Network and collaborate with other educators
- Learn more about the role of portfolios, exhibitions, and common tasks in proficiency-based graduation and how the Gates networks will support their development

Please bring a member of your school improvement team, 2-3 teachers, a school and district administrator, a guidance counselor and a member of your parent teacher organization.

Space is limited! Please RSVP with names and titles of attendees on the attached sheet .

For more information, contact  
Andrea Castañeda at 222-4600 x 2184 or [ride1510@ride.ri.net](mailto:ride1510@ride.ri.net)

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## Gates Network Kick-Off Registration

**District Administrator Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**School Administrator Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**School Counselor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**SIT Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**PTO Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Break-out Selection (Choose 2) ☐ Exhibitions ☐ Portfolios ☐ Common Tasks

**Please fax or email RSVPs no later than June 11, 2004 to: Andrea Castañeda**

**Fax (401) 222-2537 or [ride1510@ride.ri.net](mailto:ride1510@ride.ri.net)**